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BRUSSELS FOR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY COMPLAINS ABOUT FONMIN GENSCHER
ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

1. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR KHOTULEV CALLED ON ME TODAY
AT 1500 HOURS, AND AS ANTICIPATED, COMPLAINED ABOUT
FONMIN GENSCHER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO BERLIN. HE REFERRED
TO PRESS REPORTS THAT FONMIN GENSCHER WOULD "ACCOMPANY"
THE VICE PRESIDENT, AND ASKED WHETHER THESE REPORTS WERE
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TRUE, AND WHETHER GENSCHER WOULD TAKE PART IN THE CERE-
MONIES. I STATED WE HAD NOT MADE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS
AS TO FULL DETAILS OF CEREMONIES, BUT IT WAS TRUE THAT
THE FONMIN WOULD ACCOMPANY THE VICE PRESIDENT AS THE
LATTER'S GUEST, AND THAT HE " WOULD BE PRESENT" AT
CEREMONIES.

2. KHOTULEV THEN READ FOLLOWING "ORAL STATEMENT":
BEGIN TEXT. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING OUR
POSITION ON THIS QUESTION WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT
WHEN AS HIGH AN OFFICIAL AS THE VICE
PRESIDENT IS ACCOMPANIED IN THE COURSE OF HIS OFFICIAL
VISIT TO BERLIN BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
FRG, IT IS IN OUR OPINION NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE QA
OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971, IN PARTICULAR WITH THE PROVISION
OF THE QA THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ARE NOT A
CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND ARE NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY
IT. WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THE COMPETENCE OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FRG, AS IT IS CLEARLY STATED
IN THE QA, CANNOT BE SPREAD OVER THE TERRITORY OF WEST
BERLIN, AND NATURALLY HE CANNOT PERFORM ANY CONSTITUTIONAL
OR OFFICIAL ACTS IN BERLIN.
THE VISIT TO WEST BERLIN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY WE CONSIDER IN THIS CONNECTION AS AN
OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER FUNCTIONS WHICH HE HAS NO RIGHT
TO HAVE. THE USMISSION KNOWS WELL OUR ATTITUDE ON THE
QUESTION OF STRICT AND COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF THE
QA. I AM INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THIS OUR
STATEMENT WILL BE GIVEN DUE ATTENTION AND
CONSIDERATION BY THE US SIDE. END TEXT.

3. IN REPLY I STATED: BEGIN TEXT. I AND MY COLLEAGUES
HAVE REVIEWED THIS SUBJECT WITH YOU ON A NUMBER OF
OCCASIONS. THERE IS LITTLE POINT IN GOING THROUGH IT
AGAIN. WE CONSIDER THAT IT IS PERFECTLY PROPER FOR
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TO VISIT BERLIN AT THIS TIME.

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THE VICE CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER IS THE GUEST
OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. HIGH AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO INVITE ANYONE THEY
WISH TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO BERLIN.
THE FRG REPRESENTS, AS YOU AWARE, THE INTERESTS
OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ABROAD PROVIDED THAT IN
A GIVEN MATTER THE SECURITY AND STATUS OF BERLIN IS NOT
AFFECTED. IT IS LOGICAL AND NORMAL FOR THE FOREIGN
MINISTER, THEREFORE, TO BE PRESENT WHEN A DISTINGUISHED
FOREIGN VISITOR TRAVELS TO BERLIN. FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER IS NOT PERFORMING OFFICIAL ACTS OF
SOVEREIGNTY IN BERLIN. HE WILL BE HERE IN HIS CAPACITY
AS THE GUEST OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.
AS A PERSONAL OBSERVATION, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE
ARE FEW PROTESTS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION CAN MAKE ON BERLIN
MATTERS WHICH PRODUCE A MORE UNFAVORABLE REACTION IN
THE WESTERN CAPITALS THAN TO ASSERT THAT LEADING WESTERN
STATESMEN ARE CONTRIBUTING PERSONALLY TO A VIOLATION OF
THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT BY MEETING WITH THE FRG

FOREIGN MINISTER IN BERLIN. WE TAKE THE
QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT SERIOUSLY AND OBSERVE IT
SCRUPULOUSLY. END TEXT.

4. KHOTULEV SAID THAT IF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WERE COMING AS A
GUEST WE SHOULD SO STATE IT, INSTEAD OF DESCRIBING HIM AS
"ACCOMPANYING" VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. I REPLIED THAT WE
NEEDED NO ADVICE ON OUR PRESS POLICY FROM THE SOVIETS.

5. KHOTULEV WAS DIFFIDENT AND FAR FROM AGGRESSIVE, AND
BROKE OFF AT THE ABOVE POINT.
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